



## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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Archdiocese of Toronto

# CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FORMATION

*With formation in the  
Catechesis of the Good  
Shepherd you don't just  
learn a method, you  
become a catechist: "a  
keeper of the memory  
of God"*

*(Directory for Catechesis)*

## THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a scriptural and liturgical catechesis for children rooted in the Montessori tradition that takes a child's natural capacity for wonder as essential to the development of a religious sensibility. The Catechesis thus begins as an education to wonder, trusting that "when wonder becomes a fundamental attitude of our spirit it will confer a religious character to our whole life" (Cavalletti).

## THE PREPARED ENVIRONMENT

The *Atrium* is a room prepared as a sacred space for children, where they can spend time pondering the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith through work with handmade catechetical materials.



## BECOME A CATECHIST

This Formation Course prepares participants to serve children aged 3-6 in the Level 1 Atrium:



- Seminars on the religious needs and capacities of children offer an orientation to fundamental biblical and liturgical themes.
- Delivered as they would be for children, presentations demonstrate how each of the handmade catechetical materials assists children in prayer.
- Practice includes hands-on experience with catechetical materials and the creation of a personal "album" of presentations for children.

*"HELP ME TO COME TO GOD BY MYSELF"*



## LEVEL 1 COURSE INFORMATION

### Schedule:

#### Part A:

2023: September 30, October 28,  
November 25

2024: January 27, February 24,  
March 30, April 27, May 25

#### Part B:

2024: September 28, October 26,  
November 30

2025: January 25, February 22,  
March 29, April 26

**Location:** Corpus Christi Parish  
1810 Queen St. East

**Register:** Online at [https://CGS\\_Level1\\_Registration.eventbrite.ca](https://CGS_Level1_Registration.eventbrite.ca)  
or use the QR code below:



**Fee:** \$200 Part A & \$200 Part B  
(separate registration required for each part)

*"To know, at least to some degree, the true nature of the child means to help the child in ways that will allow him or her to develop as ... one who is in right relationship with self, with God, and with others."*

Gianna Gobbi

### Formation Facilitators:



Kathleen Ennis | A CGS catechist since 1984 and former coordinator of CGS for the Archdiocese of Toronto, Kathleen currently serves as a catechist at Corpus Christi Parish.



Anna Boyagoda | A CGS Catechist at Corpus Christi Parish, Anna is the Director of the CGS office for the Archdiocese of Toronto.



Rosella Lucchitti | A CGS catechist for over 20 years, Rosella serves as a catechist and as the CGS coordinator at St. Benedict's Parish and works in the CGS office for the Archdiocese of Toronto.